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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
 TAGS: PGOV, MARR, ASEC, PREL, VE  
 SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER OCHOA ON COUP ATTEMPT

REF: CARACAS 12431

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. CHARGE SPOKE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OCHOA AT 7:25 A.M.  
 LOCAL TIME ABOUT COUP ATTEMPT. OCHOA, WHO WAS WITH  
 PRESIDENT PEREZ (CAP) AT MIRAFLORES PALACE, STATED THAT  
 FAR LEFT ELEMENTS, INCLUDING BANDERA ROJA AND TERCER  
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 CAMINO, HAD, TOGETHER WITH SAME REBEL ELEMENTS WHICH HAD  
 ATTEMPTED COUP ON FEBRUARY 4, LAUNCHED COUP ATTEMPT EARLY  
 TODAY. HE CLAIMED THAT ONLY MILITARY UNITS INVOLVED THUS  
 FAR WERE A SMALL "SPECIAL ACTION" NAVAL UNIT AND ELEMENTS  
 OF THE AIR FORCE BASE (LIBERTADOR) IN MARACAY. OCHOA  
 STATED THAT REBEL GROUP IN NAVY HAD BEEN CONTROLLED. HE  
 ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER, THAT AIR FORCE REBELS IN MARACAY  
 HAD CAPTURED COMMANDING GENERAL OF BASE (GENERAL PAREDES)  
 AND HAD SEIZED THREE MIRAGE AIRCRAFT. THESE AIRCRAFT HAD  
 BOMBED/STRAFED CERTAIN TARGETS IN CARACAS, ONE OF WHICH  
 MAY HAVE BEEN DISIP (INTELLIGENCE POLICE) HEADQUARTERS.

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OCHOA PREDICTED THAT LOYAL FORCES WOULD HAVE THE SITUATION  
FULLY UNDER CONTROL WITHIN MATTER OF HOURS.

3. CHARGE ASKED WHETHER WE COULD DO SOMETHING TO BE OF  
HELP IN CIRCUMSTANCES. OCHOA RESPONDED THAT STATEMENTS  
REITERATING UNITED STATES SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRACY WOULD BE  
WELCOME.

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